

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 58th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORTATION

Call to Order: By **CHAIRMAN EDWARD BUTCHER**, on January 28, 2003
at 3:17 P.M., in Room 405 Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Sen. Edward Butcher, Chairman (R)
Sen. Duane Grimes, Vice Chairman (R)
Sen. Sherm Anderson (R)
Sen. Vicki Cocchiarella (D)
Sen. Mike Cooney (D)
Sen. Aubyn Curtiss (R)
Sen. Bob DePratu (R)
Sen. Dan Harrington (D)
Sen. Sam Kitzenberg (R)
Sen. Jerry O'Neil (R)
Sen. Gerald Pease (D)
Sen. Glenn Roush (D)

Members Excused: None.

Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Shirley Herrin, Committee Secretary
Pat Murdo, Legislative Branch

Please Note:

Video-taped Committees: These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. A video-taped recording of the meeting is available from the Montana Historical Society.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: SB 225, 1/20/2003
Executive Action: SB 175

HEARING ON SB 225

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

3:18 **SENATOR SAM KITZENBERG, SD 48, Glasgow** "Rawhide
stampede rustlers and rendezvous trade corridor"
EXHIBIT(his18a01)

Proponents' Testimony:

3:30 SENATOR LINDA NELSON, SD 49, Medicine Lake
3:32 Gary Amestoy, Richland County Economic Development

Opponents' Testimony:

3:35 Nancy Espy, Trans. Commissioner Dist
 4, **EXHIBIT(his18a02)**
3:39 Dave Galt, Administrator, Department of Transportation
EXHIBIT(his18a03), EXHIBIT(his18a04),
EXHIBIT(his18a05).

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None

Closing by Sponsor:

3:50 **SENATOR KITZENBERG** closed on SB 225.

DISCUSSION ON INCENTIVES TO BUILD ETHANOL PLANTS IN MONTANA

3:57 CHAIRMAN BUTCHER asked David Galt to share information
 on the ethanol plants being planned in Montana.
4:02 SENATOR GRIMES spoke
4:04 Pat Joyce, Rocky Mountain Ethanol Project Co-ordinator
EXHIBIT(his18a06)
4:07 Richard Vinson, President, Rocky Mountain Ethanol
4:09 Mike Allen, EPAC
4:10 Dave Galt submitted informational material (which then
 became LC 2144) **EXHIBIT(his18a07)**
4:12 SENATOR GRIMES moved that the committee request the
 drafting of a Committee Bill.
4:12.5 SENATOR O'NEIL spoke
4:13 SENATOR PEASE stated he agreed with SENATOR GRIMES
4:14 SENATOR DE PRATU spoke
 Question was asked how much coal would be used to
 develop ethanol. Dick Vinson responded 125 thousand
 tons per year. **Vote:** Motion to draft a committee bill
 carried unanimously.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 217

Motion: SEN. GRIMES moved that **SB 217 DO PASS**. SEN GRIMES then explained the amendment SB021701.apm **EXHIBIT(his18a08)** and then moved it.

Discussion:

4:19 SENATOR COONEY said he would like to work with SENATOR GRIMES on the amendment.

4:21 SENATOR GRIMES withdrew his motion.

SENATOR COONEY passed out correspondence he had received regarding SB 217, and a business card from Robert E. Weltzer, Sr. Program Manager for the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 175

4:25 **Motion:** SEN. GRIMES moved that **SB 175 DO PASS**.

4:26 **Motion:** SEN. COONEY moved the amendment **EXHIBIT(his18a09)** for discussion.

Discussion on the amendment:

4:27 SENATOR ANDERSON inquired if the bill included two-way radios.

4:27.5 SENATOR COONEY stated the bill was narrowed to hand held cell phones.

Motion: SEN. O'NEIL moved that **SB 175 BE INDEFINITELY POSTPONED**.

Discussion:

4:28 SENATOR GRIMES spoke

4:29 SENATOR DE PRATU spoke

4:31 SENATOR COONEY spoke

4:34 SENATOR ANDERSON spoke

4:35 SENATOR GRIMES spoke

4:37 SENATOR HARRINGTON spoke

Vote: Motion carried 9-3 with COONEY, HARRINGTON, and PEASE voting no.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 4:40 P.M.

SEN. EDWARD BUTCHER, Chairman

SHIRLEY HERRIN, Secretary

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EXHIBIT (his18aad)